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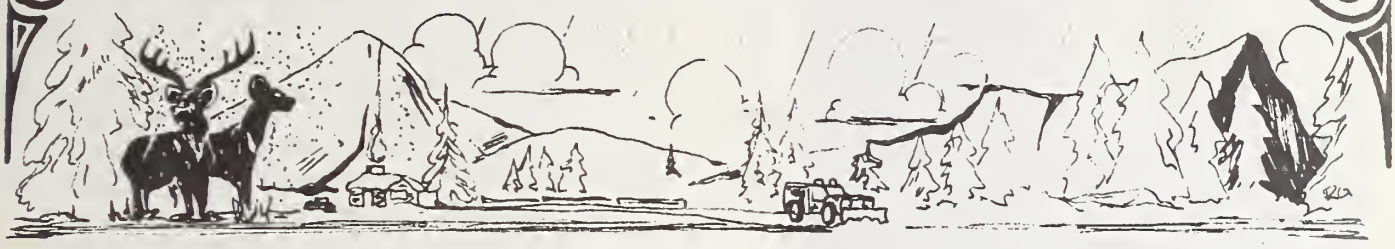

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## D.P.W. Plows Into Winter

If the weather forecast and your trick knee and the fluffy white stuff falling outside the window all tell you there's going to be a big snowstorm, do you wonder nervously why the town plows aren't rolling yet?

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## Route 2 Takes New Turn

The 25-year-old struggle to locate a section of Route 2 from Wendell Depot to Millers Falls has hit a significant snag due in large part to the opposition from the National Wildlife Federation. The focus of the conflict centers on the "feasible and prudent alternatives" stipulation required for Federal funding through State Forest land. Rebuilding the present roadway through Erving is the alternative the Wildlife Federation claims has not been adequately addressed by the Mass. DPW in their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of this project.

In response to the Wildlife Federation objection, the DPW is planning to study the "Rebuild Alternative" through Erving. The reason this was not done in the present EIS is that no one was interested in this alternative in 1972 when the study was started, according to Justin Radlo, Deputy Chief Engineer of the DPW.

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Wendell Road Crew: Road boss David Bardsley, Bradley Merchant and Tillie Burnett take a break between storms.

## Mahar Crowding

TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE JANUARY 4 MEETING

60 Wendell citizens out of 217 returned questionnaires from the Erving School Union #28. Townspeople were asked their opinion of future alternatives to education at the Mahar Regional School. 28-8 Wendell people strongly agree that something needs to be done to relieve the over crowding at Mahar. Similar sentiment was expressed in Erving & New Salem, the other towns questioned.

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MERRY X-MAS

# NEWS PRINT

The "Wendell Post" newspaper is now 2[illegible] months old, a healthy youngster very much dependent upon those who sustain it, yet full of surprises as it grows in ways beyond previous expectations.

The paper is people, and there are many who have helped, from those who began the "Post" idea, and those couple of community friends who in the beginning gave a financial boost in just plain good faith, people who donated type-writers, people who offer tips and suggestions, typists and proof-readers, artists, photographers, people who trust themselves to interviews, people who place ads, town official people who share information, people who sell or deliver, people who buy a 25¢ community newspaper, etc. The raising of the "Wendell Post" is a community effort, and Wendell is doing it.

A few vital statistics concerning the "Wendell Post" are as follows:

* Present "Post" office- a room in the Maple Valley School in a private apartment.
* Meetings- Every Sunday morning around 11:00 a.m. in the "office
* Staff- An informally defined group of volunteers who have a long term and predictable commitment to the "Post" effort. Presently this group is up to 5 people who co-ordinate and do the bulk of the production work.
* Contributors- Volunteers who work on a regular or irregular basis doing such things as typing, reporting, delivering papers, art work, or other services. Contributors are credited issue by issue in the front of the paper.
* Printer- Highland Press of Athol.
* Cost of Printing- $60-$75, depending on the # of pages.
* Circulation- 300
* Profit margin- none
* New equipment- Two important tools were made available to t "Post" as donations. David Smith of Turners Falls lent indefinitely a nice big old drafting table with drawers. Ed Judice of Wendell gave a Polaroid camera. The camera produces a quality finished picture immediately, thus allowing more timeliness and flexibility.
* Highlights of the year- Two ver complimentary reports were done about the "Post", one by the "Greenfield Recorder" in the spring of '78, and recently by the "Springfield Union" in the Oct. 15 Sunday edition.


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# Route 2 cont. from 1

National Wildlife Federation (NFW) lawyer, Richard Burwell, has told John Willey, DPW Environmental Engineer, "The reports we've seen in no way justify a four-lane highway with a 50-foot median strip, either now or in the year 2000." The NFW does appear to be willing to accept a two-lane road on the south bank through the Wendell State Forest if the rebuild alternative is shown not to be "feasible and prudent."

While the NFW and the Conservation Law Foundation of Boston have made the strongest legal threats to the south bank alignment, other agencies are expected to support looking further into the rebuild alternative. These agencies include the U S Department of Interior, U S Fish and Wildlife, the U S Army Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard, Mass. Department of Environmental Management, Mass. Secretary of Environmental Affairs, The Sierra Club, Mass PIRG, Wendell Conservation Commission and the Millers River Alliance.

The Post contacted Wendell Selectman, Maurice Cole. He reported that the Wendell Selectboard has not been involved with any of the recent activity. He says the rebuild option "seems the logical way." He feels that people in Erving have created "pressure to put the road on our side of the (Millers) River."

In a telephone conversation with our newly-elected state representative Bill Benson, he expressed similar opinions about the source of the problem. He said, "The south bank route is not the best environmentally....but the northern alignment (around Erving Center) is politically infeasible." His immediate concern is, "is it going to be built?" He felt that it is poor policy for citizens to be kept in limbo over a problem such as this. He sees an improved Route 2 necessary to make possible a proposed industrial park on the Adams Rd. section of Greenfield. He said that it is urgent to complete the rebuild-alternative study portion of the EIS. If the EIS is not completed by November 1979, it may have to be done over again to be valid. (Some of this material taken from Greenfield Recorder reports by Michael Gery, 11/18/78 & 11/24/78)

# Wendell's Administrative Assistant Dismissed

The Administrative Assistant, Michael Noble, will be dismissed effective Dec.29. The experimental program sponsored by the Mass Department of Community Affairs has been shared by the four towns: New Salem, Northfield, Warwick and Wendell. The DCA will be seeking a replacement for the $15,433/yr. job.

In the Dec.14 report by the Greenfield Recorder, Noble said "It was very difficult to serve 13 to 15 different bosses with no clear lines of authority....that each individual will have his own goals and priorities." He claimed "more groundwork should have been done" to avoid some of the problems of working for six months without permanent office space and being "spread too thin" across the four towns.

Speaking to Wendell Selectman, Ken Simos the Wendell Post found the four towns' Selectboards will be meeting soon to find a replacement. He said, "I am sorry to see a man go." The Wendell Selectboard sent a letter of confidence to the DCA in support of Noble. Simos said, "We were satisfied with his work." He said that the interruption should not be too serious if a replacement is found soon. Currently the Selectboard is involved in seeking economic development aid; they feel that it's important to maintain contact with the relevant State and Federal Agencies. The Administrative Assistant plays an important role as laison in this effort.

In Wendell, Noble said, he "gave the people a sense of what could be done. I feel very happy about what's happening in Wendell. Things are definitely going."

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# Outdoors In Wendell

The Massachusetts Whitetail Deer shotgun season has come and gone, born in a drenching rain and ending in the same. Better weather for duck hunting than deer, if you ask me. Out of a deer population of approximately 500, Wendell saw about a dozen of its deer harvested mostly by local hunters. Although our town didn't see nearly as many out of area hunters as previous years, many orange clad bodies were in evidence. Most of the folks I saw were area residents. One of the successful hunters was our notable road boss, Dave Bardsley. "You just gotta get out there alot" advised David, whose persistence paid off on Wednesday with a 138lb. six point buck downed with a load of double O buckshot at about 45 yards in the Bear Mt. area after stalking it through the formidable Osgood Swamp from its first sighting on New Salem Rd. Other skillful (or lucky?) townsfolk who scored were: Wayne Powling, Herb Richardson, Don Richardson, and Mini Bacigalupo.

The end of hunting season was celebrated by yours truly here at Maple Valley with the sixth annual game feast when folks from Vermont,Boston area, and Cape Cod, as well as Wendellites showed up to dine on a substantial gourmet spread of venison stew, hassenfeffer, boulabaise, clam chowder, Rainbow Trout Meuniere, Sea Eels Morney, Braised squirrel in wine and pepper sauce, roast partridge, pheasant, and wood cock au vin, and all the bread, vegetables, and desserts that usually accompany such a feast. Of course there were assorted beverages to wash it all down and home brewed country music to chew to. It sure was a great reunion of all my old fishin' and huntin' pals.

So whats left to do in the woods? Well, for hunting there's still partridge(if you can find 'em) and squirrels til Jan. 2,and Snowshoe Hare til Feb. 28(there's plenty of 'em).

There is also cross country skiing and snowmobiling. Both great outdoors winter recreations. So here's my sermon this month:

Snowmobilers, please remember that you too are a maligned minority. Respect others property rights and remember there are neighbors that like their winter wonderland on the quiet side, and nonsnowmobilers, please realize that all folks who like to ride on their motorized sleds are not drunken yahoos out to validify their manhood. A bit of mutual respect and understanding between folks can go a long way towards peace on earth and goodwill towards people in the outdoors this Wendell Winter.

# D.P.W. Plows cont.

It's not because David F. Bardsley and his plowing crew, Bradley Merchant and Tillie Burnett, are napping, or even making last minute repairs. "You need over 3" of snow to plow," says David, who's 30 years old and already seasoned by 3 1/2 years in the Wendell Highway Dept.'s top spot. "About an hour after it starts snowing, I'll go out with the sander and check Depot Hill and Dump Hill. Then I may come back home and have a cup of coffee, keep looking out of the window. When it gets up around three inches, I'll call Bradley. If it looks like it's going to be a big one, I'll call Tillie. We plow the main roads first, Depot Road and New Salem Road, to get the workers to work. From there, we try not to have a specific route. We do the back roads in a different order each time, so as not to play favorites."

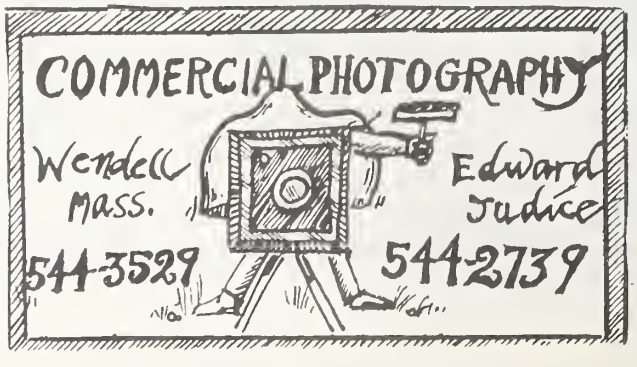
Like a good public servant, David himself goes out "as soon as anybody calls" with a problem or complaint. "It's usually 2 a.m. and somebody's returning from a party," he says half smiling.

He's likewise public-minded in his approach to expenditures. "We do all our own repairs," he says. "Why, you couldn't afford to pay a professional welder; we do our welding ourselves." And, "If I don't work 40 hours, I don't put in for it, even though I'm authorized for 40 hours a week. Last week," he added, " I only worked 28 hours. Of course I went deer hunting", that good-humored grin again.

"Get one?"

"A six pointer."

As he talked, the air was chilly in his "office"--a bay in the Town Garage in which a 1977 Ford nearly crowded out his desk. "The thermostat is set at 60, as low as it'll go" he said. cont. to pg. 5



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There are four vehicles for plowing, and three working plows. " If it gets real bad, I'll take the plow off one of the trucks and put it on the bucket," freeing that truck for just sanding. The bucket, a 1974 International Hough 50 payloader, is virtually unstoppable---with chains on it'll go through anything, according to the highway crew. The trucks are a 1971 International, a '76 Ford and a '77 Ford. "The only difference between these two is the '77 has a four-barrel carburetor," says David. "They were only made 10 weeks apart."

"The secret to well maintained roads is good equipment and good help," philosophizes David. He's generally satisfied with the quality of his equipment--he's getting a grader any day now, and he calls only the town's old pickup truck "desperate"--and he has good words to say about each member of his crew. Besides Bradley and Tillie, both of Wendell, he gets help in repairs from Kenny Bezio of Wendell. During the summer, Merle Powling, Wendell's last large-scale dairy farmer who's now retired, helps three days a week mowing roadsides and building culvert abutments. That's the whole crew.

If winter is the time for plowing and sanding, summer is the time for road construction projects. "We've been working on the New Salem Road project for four years," says David. "Hopefully we can finish this year. Farley Road we do a few hundred feet each year."

Those are town-sponsored projects. Montague Road, on the other hand, is Federal and state-sponsored. "We roughed out 4,000 feet this last summer," says David with evident pride. "Two thousand feet of that we also brought in fill for and graded and sloped it." You might wonder why a section in the middle is only roughed out. "A Federal grant is coming in for that section, $50,000.," explains David. "It's due first thing in the spring."

The highway budget, approximately $100,000., has grown 25% in the past four years. With new roads like Bullard Pasture and Kempfield Roads being added to his responsibilities, David has had to ask for more money from the annual town budget meeting. This year he got $700 more for snow plowing and sanding Bullard Pasture Road, for example, and his maintenance budget was increased to $30,000 by the voters, who increased the Selectmen's recommended $25,000 after hearing the reasoning of the Highway Surveyor.

David enjoys hunting and home building. He recently put a second story on his mobile home on Wendell Depot Road, where he lives with his wife, Sandra, and three children. He'll start the insulation and interior walls early next year, he says, and he's already started putting on the siding. "I started in back so I can make my mistakes there and get them out of the way," he laughs.

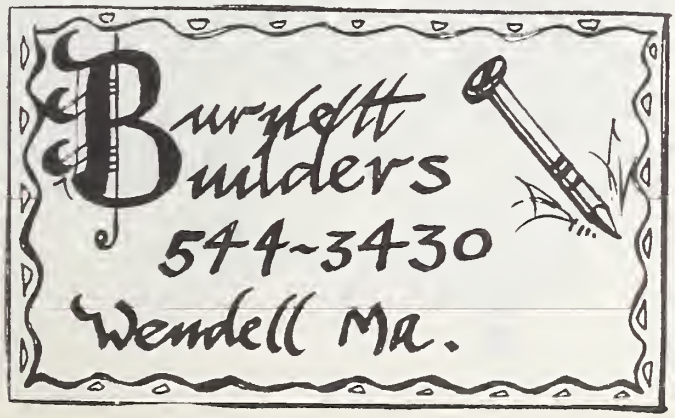
Summers he moonlights in driveway construction with the Leverett Road Boss.

The last two winters generally considered tough ones, didn't cause David much worry. "The worst storm was the first year I took over, in 1973," he remembers. It snowed 26" on Thanksgiving Day. What made me wake up at 4:30 that morning and look out the window is beyond me. The storm wasn't forecast

We had to put a guy in each truck with a chain saw; there were limbs and lines down all over. I had to hire another loader.

"Once that storm was over and the roads cleared, I knew I could do it."

David makes it clear he enjoys his job. "I worked two years in a shop. After I got this job, I said I'd never work inside again. I'm right in town among my friends Except," he adds with a twinkle, for the tax rate."



# Holiday Health Kitchen

With visions of sugarplums dancing in our heads these days, its hard to stop and think about Good Nutrition and what it means in our lives now and through all the seasons. Yet what better ocassion than Christmas Holidays for giving ourselves and loved ones a lasting gift of health through better nutrition? While every one is in a jolly mood, why not make some simple changes in family eating habits that correspond with the recently developed U.S. dietary goals.

In 1977 The Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs published a report which has become an incredibly controversial and important milestone in American history. For the first time, a number of experts examined the American diet in great detail and gathered all the research linking nutrition with health and disease. Their results were shocking; six of the ten "killer diseases" (heart disease bowel and breast cancer, diabetes and stroke) are related to the food we eat! The report goes on to describe how far we have strayed from the simple, whole, natural foods of our ancestors. This due to the millions spent by industry to convince us to eat their highly processed products. In order to guide Americans back to a more healthy diet, the Committee developed a number of dietary goals.

During Christmas it would be simple to meet the report's first guideline: "Eat more fresh fruit and vegatables." Likewise, we can easily "Use more whole grains" in all of our Christmas baking (whole wheat flour for example). The report urges people to "Eat less meat high in saturated fats and to increase consumption of poultry and fish" ... So much for the Christmas roast but there's always Turkey!!!

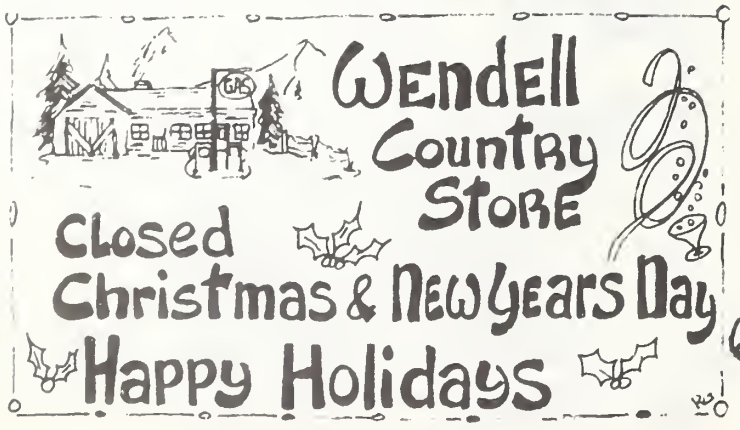
The most difficult of all suggestions perhaps is "reduce consumption of refined and processed sugars." It is possible to substitute small amounts of honey and maple syrup for sugar in holiday recipes but it certainly isn't easy to avoid the sugar that is 'hidden' in so many foods (Ketchup, mayonaise,Cremora,etc). This particular dietary goal is a long range project that would require the resolve,cooperation and understanding of the entire family about the dangers of consuming 125 lbs. of sugar per person per year as we now do!

The rewards of cutting back on sugar are great, however. Not only will our waistlines, teeth and pancreas benefit but the kids might even behave less rambunctiously as an added benefit of nixing the fabulous, fake and frivolous foods.

That doesn't mean that Christmas has to be dull. There remain many creative and delicious dishes that don't contain too much fat, sugar, salt, cholesterol or artificial additives.

The New Year is the perfect time to make some resolutions about improving diets and learning more about the many new developments within science and the art of nutrition.

Many natural foods cookbooks are now available. For a list of these books, further questions about the Dietary Goals or where to get more info on how to make positive dietary changes, drop a postcard to Citizens for Better Nutrition, c/o Karen Moreno, Box I3, Millers Falls, Mass 0I349




# Golden Agers Fete'

The Wendell Golden Agers enjoyed their annual Christmas party with dinner at the Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster on Dec. 13th. Gifts were exchanged. A brief meeting was held and it was voted to make a donation to the Children's Christmas party.

On the return to Wendell, Poinsetta arrangements were placed at the gravesites of deceased members. These had been made by Virginia Wheeler.

Next meeting will be a St. Patrick's Potato Pancake luncheon at the home of Al and Elsie Diemand.

Members Betty and Bill Thompson and Lydia Ellis have been ill. (We hope you're feeling better and have a Merry Christmas.)

# Lou on the Loose

Hello from Lou to you! Good news and bad news this month reflect the roller-coaster nature of the zany music world.

As if Loose Caboose hasn't had their share of trouble recently, their van was accidentally run off the Wendell road and overturned two weeks ago. Very thankfully no one was injured but extensive damage not covered by their insurance threatened their business with possible extinction. Thanks to the generosity of truck-driving friends however, Caboose did not miss a gig, including a benefit for the Berkshire area Alternative Energy Coalition on a snowy Saturday night. Caboose's misfortune came close on the heels of a jampacked Thanksgiving week at Jack's in Cambridge with a few Boston celebrities in attendance. Closer to home, the Fresh Ink newspaper of Northhampton featured the Caboose in the "Lead Sheet" column of their Dec. 7th Special Music Issue. Also, their regular Wednesday at the Rusty Nail appears to be a healthy and growing niche and is slated to continue through Dec.(except the 27th), Jan. and Feb.

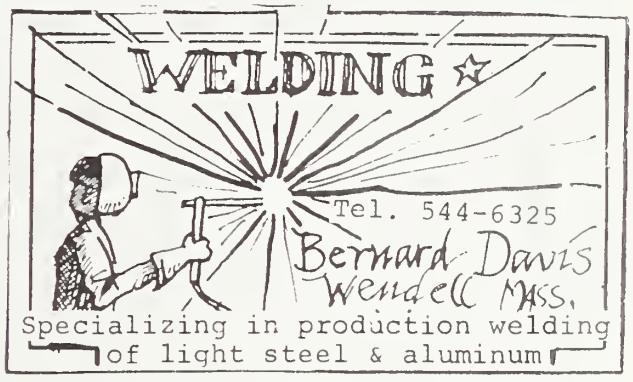
On the reunion front, a rumor has been discreetly leaked to Lou that the Magic Music Band may gather for a New Years Eve performance at the Warwick Inn! Pay attention and consider local posters a confirmation of this revival of local tradition.

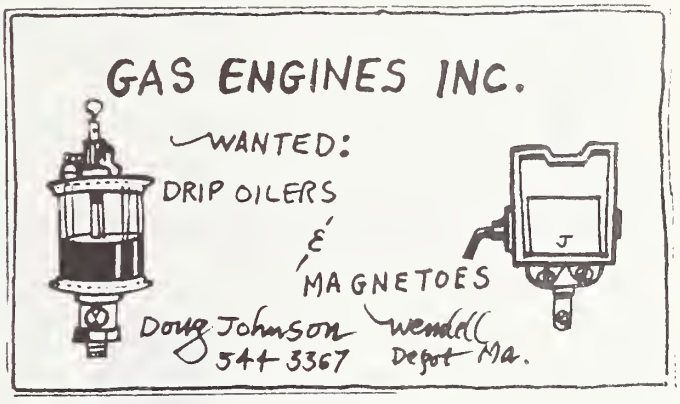
A regular music series in Wendell? It could happen if initial response to Lou's query last column about a coffeehouse blossoms into the real thing. All those interested keep your eyes peeled for word of a meeting to tie up loose ends and set a mid-January kick-off date.

Pat Jones (ex-Fairchild), mystery man of last month, turned up in a big way recently at the People's Music Festival held in Amherst-Northampton. His group, Pat Jones Dimension (incl. brother Kevin on drums was pictured in the Advocate's coverage of the event and reviewed very favorably. Fairchild's Larry Forbes and Duncan Nichols are keeping their options open but Larry is presently closing a deal with a Greenfield auto dealer on yet another radio commercial.

Music News Shorts: Joanne Palana (ex-Magic Music), currently living in Narragansett, R.I., drums now with the Otis Ridley Band who can sometimes be seen at Flat Street in Brattleboro. Back in local circulation, John Dandurand and Chris Kleeman (known as Sundance in their Wendell Depot days) can be heard separately and occasionally together at Sheehan's Cafe in Northampton. That's it. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and bye 'til next month.

Lou Caboose



# Power Line Rites

Crews of brush cutters have maintained the 150' easment on either side of the power lines, but in the past 15-20 years the utilities have em loyed
employed the use of defoliant sprays a quicker and "more economical" method to keep the weeds (trees, blueberry bushes and brush) from interfering with immediate access to a line.

What confronts residents who have land with power lines is in part the following;

what was once the owners land has been bought or leased by the utility, taken by eminent domain or easement rights were granted, (a legal relationship between landowner and utility),

Realization that the lines must be maintained

Maintenance involves a spray or mechanical/manual cutting

The latter involves a hired crew or landowners signed promise to cut brush

If landowner is unable to maintain brushcutting and can't afford to pay the crew, "spray" is the only other option.

The health and economic questions are complex. The utilities are supposed to act in the interests of the general public according to DPU guidelines. The publics interest is however a negotiable quantity. What long range effects do sprays such as Tordon, Curon, Krinite have on humans and the environment? 245T, a wartime defoliant used against Vietnam, also used on powerlines, has been put on a heavily restricted list because of damage impact on health. Yet, some of the components of 245T are still being used. The State Pesticide and Chemical Control Board still has no formalized standards of lisensing and regulation. In mid-Dec., there are regulatory hearings at U-Mass Medical Center, in Worcester. to determine its rules of conduct, freedom of information and experimental use of pesticides. There are controversial issues about which the public would like to be informed. Specialists disagree as to the life span of some defoliants. Some say one year, some say there is a constant build-up.

The effects of the 245T spray are still being noted on the Vietnamese and on the pilots who flew in the planes to spray defoliants. How long must a chemical be tested before Regulatory Boards are sure there will be no danger of genetic damage or threatened miscariages. And what is more economically desirable, the convenience of spray, risking the long range effects of chemical run-off, or hiring a crew and paying them well enough to make it worth their while?

These considerations and other questions related to power line spraying will be explored in future Wendell Post articles.

# Resource Exchange Planned

We would like to hear from anyone in the Wendell area that is interested in forming a loose co-operative liason for the swapping of services, goods, skills, or equipment. For instance...Would you like help building? Do you need the use of major equipment for the day? Would you like to get away for a few days and need someone to care for your livestock? Do you want someone to slaughter your animals for you? Do you want to swap produce? The list could go on forever. The idea is to form a group of people, in the community, to pool their resources on a non-monetary exchange basis. Call us if you are interested in the concept. Think about your needs, what you have to share and how you would like the idea to be developed and implemented.

Phone Dick and Jean Wolfe at 544-3454 (it's a recorder--just leave a message and we'll get back to you) or Bob Cabral at 544-7330 or write to Wolfe, Box 278,Wendell.

## MAHAR CROWDING cont. from p. 1

School Committeewoman, Claire Stewart, emphasized "These are preliminary questions designed to show us where to concentrate our attention." She pointed out that it is important for citizens to offer their input while options are open. These options will be discussed at the next school committee meeting, January 4, 1979, at 7:30 P. M., Swift River School.

Below is a summary of the questions and results:

### QUESTIONAIRRE RESULTS

Code: Grand total/Wendell total

| | Strongly Favor (1) | Favor (2) | Neutral (3) | Oppose (4) | Strongly Oppose (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alternative A - Build an addition to Mahar | 28/6 | 20/5 | 14/3 | 33/6 | 42/37 |
| Alternative B - Return 7th and 8th Grade to Elementary School | 90/18 | 47/9 | 23/4 | 25/8 | 62/19 |
| Alternative C - Build a New Regional School for 6-12 or 7 - 12 grades. | 28/10 | 25/8 | 14/5 | 34/6 | 126/26 |
| Alternative D -- Tuition 7-12 grade students to another secondary school. | 33/4 | 38/11 | 27/8 | 38/7 | 91/26 |
| Alternative E- Make no changes. | 54/18 | 21/1 | 53/6 | 39/5 | 120/26 |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Meetings at 10 A.M. Saturdays, yellow house on the common.

The purpose of this hour long (or shorter) meeting is to share information and to distribute tasks related to our concern about nuclear waste shipments through Wendell.

# Vital Statistics

Wendell's newest arrival is Danielle Mercedes, daughter of Arthur Adams and Martha Gillespie Adams of Kentfield Road. The child was born Wednesday, December 13th, at Cooley-Dickinson Hospital and weighed 8 pounds.

C-10 Sun., Oct. 22, '78 ○ The Arizona Republic

***Tiny town needs bigger cemetery***

WENDELL, Mass. (AP) — This small Franklin County town has run out of cemetery space because of the growth in population, which has more than doubled in the past two years.

To solve the problem, the Cemetery Commission has announced plans to purchase between five and 10 acres next to the town's Locks Village Cemetery.

Received from Joe and Laura Barry

# Property Transfers

None this month.

# Personals...

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Cute DC-8 looking for an older SST for quick trips to Europe. Prefer Concorde, but will answer all British and Boeing replys. Please no fats, fems or turbo-props. Box 35
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
Bi White Mushroom sick and tired of always being in the dark. Life has become boring and meaningless. Meet me at the Depot. I answer to Champignon.
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Ineffectual person, seeks same. Box 12.
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
You sitting at the Wendell Depot Cafe',
Me sitting at home.
You building my house,
Me moving to Springfield.
Interested? Box 9
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
Dear Pookey, remember that wild night in the trash can on the Commons? So do I! Wanna do it again sometime? Love, Dooley Squat
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
Tired of the bar scene?
Too bad...I LOVE IT! Box 833
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
Summertime please come back to New England...Your friends miss you. Box 1978.
++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
Happy Birthday Wonder Woman! I wish I'd known you as well as I know Robin. I've still got that damn magic lariat of yours. Please come for it, It's getting on my nerves. Hugs and kisses, Bruce Wayne
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My place or yours? Box 23
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# Police Log

12-3-78 Warren Doubleday of New Salem reported his camp on Kempfield Rd. vandalized.
12-3-78 One car accident on Montague Rd. No injuries.
12-10-78 Hit and run accident on Mormon Hollow Rd.
12-10-78 One car accident on Depot Hill. No injuries.
12-13-78 One car accident on Depot Hill. No injuries.
12-13-78 Home of Dianne Kurinsky broken into 19 inch color TV, Smith Corona portable electric typewriter, $10-20 in change stolen.

# Library Nips Fuel Costs

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Wendell Free Public Library on November 5th, it was decided that the library, as part of a heat conservation effort, would change its Saturday hours to Tuesday evenings.

# Selectmen's Minutes

Nov. 21, 1978

The Board decided to place bid notices in the paper for Fire and Police Communications Equipment and for a Used Grader for the Highway Dept. Bids to be opened on December 5th.

The Board decided to have the Chairman look into the State Laws pertaining to the bidding on Town Hall repairs.

Discussed unlicensed dogs with the Dog Officer. Also discussed appointing another dog officer to replace Vic Coy.

Discussed Chapter 90 with Highway Surveyor, David Bardsley. The Board appointed Edward Boland of Farley Road to the EDA Committee.

Nov. 28, 1978

Discussed setting different rates for Junk Yard Licenses.

Discussed the parking situation near Mormon Hollow Auto.

Discussed the repairs to be made on the Town Hall.

Approved Package Store, Anti-freeze and General Store licenses for the Wendell Country Store.

Dec. 5, 1978

The Board informed the Road Supt. that a few icy spots should be attended to daily: New Salem Rd, Wendell Depot Hill and others.

Opened Radio Bids:

Motorola - (awarded)

Fire Dept.

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| 2 portable radios - | 1,360.00 |
| 2 vehicle chargers - | 337.70 |
| 2 pocket pagers - | 410.00 |
| 2 pocket pager chargers | 70.00 |
| | 2,177.70 |

Police Dept.

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| portable radio - | 769.15 |
| vehicle charger | 168.85 |
| | 938.00 |

General Electric

Fire Dept.

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| Total Bid | 2,428.00 |

Police Dept.

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| Total Bid | 1,430.00 |

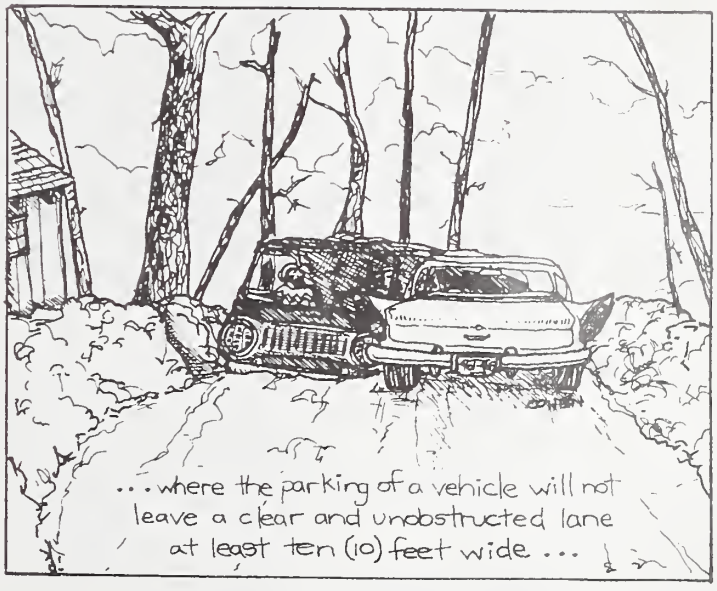
Opened Grader Bids:

Bernardston Equip - (awarded)
$4,800.00
Galion Mod. 104
Year - 1963
GMC 100 hp - engine

Graves Equip.
$4,995.00
Huber Mod. 4D
Year - Approx. late 40's, early 50's
International 100 hp - engine.

The Board and Highway Surveyor will view both machines Thursday afternoon.

Instructed the Road Boss to order some "No Parking This Side" signs.



# Annual Christmas Party

The Town Hall was full to capacity with excited children for the Ladies Aide Annual Christmas Party on December 15th.

The evening's fun began with the showing of two cartoons, quickly then, the crowd was led into full song by the Mistress of Ceremonies, Cheryl Richardson. The large beautiful Christmas tree shimmered as the children sang together the familiar Christmas carols.

As a surprise, Dave and the Chipmunks showed up to sing and dance. Upon closer examination Dave seemed to be Bernard Davis; the Chipmunks: Florie Blackbird, Peggy Simos and Jessie Wetherby.

Santa Claus arrived just in time to please the children with presents. Although Santa appeared to be enjoying himself, suddenly he was gone, and the party closed.

David & The Chipmunks surprised a full crowd of children at the Ladies Aid Christmas Party

Santa dropped into Wendell to visit the naughty or nice at the invitation of the Ladies Aid.

Can You Help Us?
The WENDELL POST

needs:

1. A filing cabinet and file folders.
2. A typist co-ordinator. This person would be responsible for contacting typists and organizing typing work to layout deadlines.
3. Writers. We need especially people to cover committees that have not been well covered so far, such as, School Committee, Planning Board.

If you can help please call: Annie 4-7347

SEASONS GREETINGS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!